

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

Technical considerations in using the October 2, 2001 release of the  
CATS Accountability Cycle 2002  
SUMMARY OF SCHOOL and DISTRICT  
CONTENT AREA ACADEMIC INDICES  
1998-1999 to 2000-2001

NOTE: The information in this file and the contents of the  
Kentucky Core Content Test Accountability Cycle 2002  
Summary of School and District CONTENT AREA ACADEMIC INDEXES  
are embargoed from release until 10:00 a.m. EDT on October 2, 2001.

### GENERAL INFORMATION and CHANGES

This document is best viewed using a non-proportional font like  
Courier New. The documentation is designed to be viewed and  
printed in a Portrait aspect using 8pt text.

The information provided is "PRELIMINARY". Schools are reviewing  
student results and will have the opportunity to correct discrepancies.

The files and reports provide results for Schools and Districts.  
Summary records by Region and State are provided at the end of the  
files.

Joint Schools are school(s) combined with another school for  
accountability purposes because the school does not contain  
both a 4th and 5th grade or both a 7th and 8th grade. Each Joint  
School has a combined record and an individual school record for  
the schools that comprise the Joint School. The file layouts  
contain non-reported control fields to assist in sorting, merging  
and reporting of the Joint Schools.

### CONTENTS

This file contains several sections describing the Kentucky Core  
Content Test, a component of the Commonwealth Accountability Testing  
System. The files show School, District, Region and State Academic  
Index results by content area for the Accountability Cycle 2002.

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## 1. CHANGES IN SCHOOL DATA

The results contained on the diskette reflect the performance of schools and districts starting with the Spring 1999 test. Although some new schools have been opened, and other schools have closed, results are reported only for schools that were open at the end of the 2000-2001 school year.

## 2. MODEL LAB

MODEL LAB ELEMENTARY (606450), MODEL LAB MIDDLE SCHOOL (606455), and MODEL LAB HIGH SCHOOL (606460) are not included in Madison County Totals at the request of the county and the school in recognition of Model Lab's special relationship with Eastern Kentucky University. However, since these schools are technically public schools under the governance of the Madison County Board of Education, the schools are included within the accountability system and school indices are therefore calculated.

## 3. SCHOOLS NOT INCLUDED IN DATA SUMMARY

This data summary includes only schools that are under the governance of a local board of education. Excluded from this summary are the federally dependent schools at Fort Knox and Fort Campbell and the two schools operated by the State Department of Education, the Kentucky School for the Deaf and the Kentucky School for the Blind.

## 4. REGIONAL AND STATE SUMMARY DATA

This data release treats each region and the state as if they were individual units and the data is aggregated or summed as is done with individual schools or districts. Index calculations are based on this aggregation of the data. For example, the reading index for a particular region is no longer the weighted average of the schools from within the region, but a calculation based on the total number of students (converted to percents). As is the case for a typical school or district, the reading index would be the sum of:

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0 * percent Novice non-performance +
13 * percent Novice medium +
26 * percent Novice high +
40 * percent Apprentice low +
60 * percent Apprentice medium +
80 * percent Apprentice high +
100 * percent Proficient +
140 * percent Distinguished.
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## 5. SCHOOLS WITH NO ACCOUNTABILITY GRADES

Some schools have no grade at which accountability assessment occurs (grades EP (3), 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12). Schools with no accountability grade will share the accountability results of the schools into which they promote their students. These schools are not included on the printed report or on the databases.

## 6. REPORT PRINT FILES

There are three versions of the print files, WORD 6.0/95 format (DOC), Rich Text format (RTF) and Adobe (PDF). The files are grade specific and have the file names PRS0105 (grade 4/5 schools), PRS0108 (grade 7/8 schools), and PRS0112 (grade 10/11/12 schools).

To view the DOC or RTF documents, change to a landscape viewing format and use a non-proportional font like Courier New, size 8. You may have to make other formatting changes as well. The files contain field header and footer information. Unfortunately, word processors from different manufactures running on different computer platforms are not 100% compatible. If you are unsuccessful in converting the footnote information please use the following text which is to appear at the bottom of each page:

### NOTE:

- \* = School's service area changed. The school will be held accountable through the district accountability score.
- \*\* = School reconfigured using School results and District growth line, District assistance line, and District novice reduction rate.
- S = Joint School. School(s) have been combined with another school for accountability purposes because the school does not contain both a 4th or 5th grade or both a 7th or 8th grade.
- W = State Board approved school configuration waiver for calculation of accountability scores.

## 7. DATABASE FILES

The database files on this diskette have been developed for use with commercial database or spreadsheet software that recognizes DBF format. Follow the protocol for your specific software to read and manipulate these files.

The files, PRS0105.dbf (grades 4/5), PRS0108.dbf (grades 7/8), and PRS0112.dbf (grades 10/11/12) have the same format.

### FILE

### DESCRIPTION

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#### PRS01gg.DBF

This file contains content area academic indexes for the years Spring 1999, Spring 2000, Spring 2001, and Spring 2002.

Field Name	Field Description
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CODE	The first three characters are the district number assigned by the Department of Education in data operations. The last three characters are the school building number. The combined record for Joint schools end in AAA, AAB, AAC, etc. District records have blanks in positions 4 through 6. Region records are 901 through 908 and the state record is assigned a code of 999.
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DISTNAME	District name - all characters are uppercase.
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SCHNAME      School name = Characters are upper and lower case.

GRADE        This field contains the accountability grades within the school.  
 Values in the field are (left justified):  
     "04    " - grade   4 (School is part of JOINT school).  
     "05    " - grades 5 (School is part of JOINT school).  
     "04/05" - grades 4/5  
     "07    " - grades 7 (School is part of JOINT school).  
     "08    " - grades 8 (School is part of JOINT school).  
     "07/08" - grades 7/8  
     "10-12" - grades 10/11/12.

REC\_TYPE     Indicator that identifies the type of record.   Values are:  
     "SC" = School  
     "DT" = District  
     "RG" = Region  
     "ST" = State

SPLT\_SCH     Joint School indicator.  
 Values are:  
     R = Regular School  
     A = Joint School  
     Variable is blank in District, Region, and State records.

SPLC\_SCH     Special (School) code assigned to Joint School.  
 Values are:  
     RRR = Regular School  
     AAA = First Joint School in District  
     AAB = Second Joint School in District  
     AAC = Third Joint School in District  
     etc.  
     Variable is blank in District, Region and State records.

SPLT\_TYP     Type of Joint School.  
 Values are:  
     R = Regular School  
     A = Joint School - combined school record.  
         Contains result information for the schools  
         that are joined.  
     B = Joint School - school component record.  
         Identifies schools that are part of the  
         Joint School. Record contains code, school  
         name grade. Accountability data is BLANK.  
     Variable is blank in District, Region and State records.

REGION       Regional service area that school and district reside in.  
 Values are 1-8. Variable is blank in State record.

NOTE         Messages indicating school status.  
 Possible messages are:

Blank = no messages; school is normal.

\* = School's service area changed. The school is held accountable  
 through the district accountability score.

\*\* = School reconfigured using School results and District growth  
 line, District assistance line, and District novice reduction  
 rate.

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W = State Board approved school configuration waiver for calculation of accountability scores.

\*\_\_\_\_ SPRING 1999 Academic Indices follow \_\_\_\_\*

IDX99\_RD      Reading Academic Index - Spring 1999.    Format is 8.4.

IDX99\_MA      Mathematics Academic Index - Spring 1999.    Format is 8.4.

IDX99\_SC      Science Academic Index - Spring 1999.    Format is 8.4.

IDX99\_SS      Social Studies Academic Index - Spring 1999.    Format is 8.4.

IDX99\_AH      Arts & Humanities Academic Index - Spring 1999.    Format is 8.4.

IDX99\_PL      Practical Living / Vocational Studies Academic Index - Spring 1999.    Format is 8.4.

IDX99\_WR      Writing Total (combined On-Demand Writing and Writing Portfolio) Academic Index - Spring 1999.    Format is 8.4.

IDX\_AI99      Total Academic Index - Spring 1999.    Format is 5.1.

\*\_\_\_\_ SPRING 2000 Academic Indices follow \_\_\_\_\*

IDX00\_RD      Reading Academic Index - Spring 2000.    Format is 8.4.

IDX00\_MA      Mathematics Academic Index - Spring 2000.    Format is 8.4.

IDX00\_SC      Science Academic Index - Spring 2000.    Format is 8.4.

IDX00\_SS      Social Studies Academic Index - Spring 2000.    Format is 8.4.

IDX00\_AH      Arts & Humanities Academic Index - Spring 2000.    Format is 8.4.

IDX00\_PL      Practical Living / Vocational Studies Academic Index - Spring 2000.    Format is 8.4.

IDX00\_WR      Writing Total (combined On-Demand Writing and Writing Portfolio) Academic Index - Spring 2000.    Format is

8.4.

IDX\_AI00      Total Academic Index - Spring 2000.    Format is 5.1.

\* \_\_\_\_\_ SPRING 2001 Academic Indices follow \_\_\_\_\_ \*

IDX01\_RD      Reading Academic Index - Spring 2001.    Format is 8.4.

IDX01\_MA      Mathematics Academic Index - Spring 2001.    Format is 8.4.

IDX01\_SC      Science Academic Index - Spring 2001.    Format is 8.4.

IDX01\_SS      Social Studies Academic Index - Spring 2001.    Format is  
8.4.

IDX01\_AH      Arts & Humanities Academic Index - Spring 2001.    Format is  
8.4.

IDX01\_PL      Practical Living / Vocational Studies Academic Index -  
Spring 2001.    Format is 8.4.

IDX01\_WR      Writing Total (combined On-Demand Writing and Writing  
Portfolio) Academic Index - Spring 2001.    Format is  
8.4.

IDX\_AI01      Total Academic Index - Spring 2001.    Format is 5.1.

\* \_\_\_\_\_ SPRING 2002 Academic Indices follow \_\_\_\_\_ \* (Not Available until 2002)

IDX02\_RD      Reading Academic Index - Spring 2002.    Format is 8.4.

IDX02\_MA      Mathematics Academic Index - Spring 2002.    Format is 8.4.

IDX02\_SC      Science Academic Index - Spring 2002.    Format is 8.4.

IDX02\_SS      Social Studies Academic Index - Spring 2002.    Format is  
8.4.

IDX02\_AH      Arts & Humanities Academic Index - Spring 2002.    Format is  
8.4.

IDX02\_PL      Practical Living / Vocational Studies Academic Index -  
Spring 2002.    Format is 8.4.

IDX02\_WR      Writing Total (combined On-Demand Writing and Writing  
Portfolio) Academic Index - Spring 2002.    Format is  
8.4.

IDX\_AI02      Total Academic Index - Spring 2002.    Format is 5.1.

8. TECHNICAL QUESTIONS.

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